

Notification of reservation in admission

2918. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have notified Central Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act;

(b) whether the apex Court has stayed implementation of the above law in absence of any definition of OBC and insisted admission in colleges only on merit;

(c) if so, whether Supreme Court's order is not a set back to Government's policy of 27 per cent reservation quota for OBC;

(d) whether Government would start a fresh census in the country on the basis of existing caste system, and this will not be against national interests; and

(e) if no figures of population of different castes are available, on what basis reservation policy would be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes Sir, the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006, has been notified on the 4th January, 2007.

(b) to (e) The Hon'ble Supreme Court by its Interim Order dated the 29th March, 2007, has 'stayed' the operation of the provision of the Act relating to reservation for the Other Backward Classes. The matter is posted for hearing on the 8th May, 2007. The matter is *sub-judice*.

Distance education by all Universities

2919. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of Government to allow all the universities including deemed to be universities to run distance education courses throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many deemed universities are at present running distance education courses throughout the country; and

(d) the details indicating the names of the universities and courses being run at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), any university set up by the Act of Parliament/State legislature or deemed to be university can offer distance education programme subject to the fulfillment of norms and guidelines laid down by the Distance Education Council (DEC) and other apex bodies. DEC in its meeting held on March 23, 2007 had resolved that would not insist on territorial jurisdiction to be followed by institutions in offering programmes through distance mode and on that matter universities should be governed by their own Act and Statutes.

(c) and (d) A list of the universities including deemed universities running distance education courses is given at the Statement (See below). IGNOU has informed that DEC does not maintain the details of the courses offered by these universities.

Statement

List of universities running distance education courses

Central Universities

1. Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.
2. Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, A.P.
3. University of Hyderabad, A.P.
4. North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya.
5. Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi.
6. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. (U.P.)
7. University of Allahabad, U.P.
8. Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.
9. University of Delhi, Delhi.

Deemed Universities

10. Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad, A.P.
11. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, A.P.
12. Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Jharkhand.
13. Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala, Punjab.
14. Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
15. International Institute for Population Sciences, Deonar, Bombay, Maharashtra
16. Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth Pune, Maharashtra.
17. Jain Vishwa Bharti Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan
18. The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu.
19. Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, Kanchipuram.
20. Shanmugha Arts, Science, Techno and Research Academy, Thanjavur (T.N.)
21. Jamia Hamdard, Delhi.
22. Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning, Pune (Maharashtra).
23. Naŗsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai (Maharashtra).
24. Sri Ram Chandra Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai, T.N.
25. SRM University Chennai, T.N.
26. Manipal Acadmey of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka
27. Swami Vivekananad Yoga Anusandhan Sansthan, Bangalore, Karnataka.
28. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.
29. Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyala, Haridwar, Uttaranchal.
30. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

State Universities

31. Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, A.P.
32. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad, A.P.
33. Kakatiya University, Warangal, A.P.
34. Osmania University, Hyderabad, A.P.
35. Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad, A.P.
36. Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Ananthapur, A.P.
37. Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi, A.P.
38. Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishvavidyalaya, Tirupati, A.P.
39. Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad, A.P.
40. Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, A.P.
41. Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka.
42. Kannada University, Hampi, Karnataka.
43. Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka.
44. Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri, Karnataka.
45. Kuvempu University, Shankaraghatta, Karnataka.
46. University of Mysore, Mysore, Karnataka.
47. Goa University, Goa.
48. Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam.
49. Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam.
50. B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
51. Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar.
52. Patna University, Patna, Bihar.
53. Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, Bihar.
54. Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa

55. Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Orissa.
56. Berhampur University, Berhampur, Orissa.
57. Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.
58. Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Orissa.
59. North Orissa University, Mayurbhanj, Orissa.
60. Tripura University, Tripura.
61. University of Burdwan, West Bengal.
62. Vidyasagar University, Midnapur, West Bengal.
63. Jadavpur University, West Bengal.
64. Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkatta, West Bengal.
65. University of Kalyani, Distt., Nadia, West Bengal.
66. Guru Jambheshwar University, Hissar, Haryana.
67. Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana.
68. M.D University, Rohtak Haryana.
69. H.P. University, Shimla (H.P.)
70. University of Jammu, J&K.
71. University of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K
72. Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjab.
73. Punjabi University, Patiyala, Punjab
74. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab.
75. G.B. Pant University, Pantnagar, Uttaranchal.
76. Kumaun University, Nainital, Uttaranchal.
77. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra, UP.
78. University, of Lucknow, Lucknow, UP.
79. Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

80. Avdesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa, M.P.
81. Barkatullah Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal, M.P.
82. Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, M.P.
83. Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P.
84. Jiwaji University, Gwalior, M.P.
85. M.G. Chitrakoot Gramodya Vishwavidyalaya, Chitrakoot, M.P.
86. Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur, M.P.
87. Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
88. SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
89. University of Mumbai Vidyanaagari, Mumbai
90. Amravati University, Amravati.
91. Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra.
92. Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.
93. University of Calicut, Calicut, Kerala.
94. Kannur University, Kalliasseri, Kerala.
95. University of Kerala, Trivendrum, Kerala.
96. Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu.
97. Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu.
98. Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
99. Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
100. Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
101. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.
102. Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu.
103. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
104. University of Madras, Madras, Tamil Nadu.

- 105. Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu.
- 106. Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai.

State Open Universities

- 107. Nalanda Open University, Patna, Bihar.
- 108. Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, Karnataka.
- 109. YCMOU, Nashik, Maharashtra.
- 110. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, A.P.
- 111. Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan.
- 112. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- 113. U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Allahabad, U.P.
- 114. Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- 115. M.P. Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal, M.P.
- 116. Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, T.N.
- 117. Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Open University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- 118. Uttaranchal Open University, Haldwani, Uttaranchal.

Institute of National Importance

- 119. National Law School of India, Bangalore, Karnataka.

Reservation for OBC students

2920. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation for OBC students in higher classes has already come in force;

(b) whether the OBC students intending to get admitted in regional colleges in different States of the North Eastern Region will enjoy reservation benefits in the same proportion as in other Central universities;